

REMARKS

Figure 1 of the drawings has been corrected as required by the examiner.

Claim 1 has been amended to reproduce original dependent claim 4 in independent form.

The examiner indicated that the identical limitations of claim 3 and 4 rendered those claims allowable.

Dependent claim 2 is believed to be allowable since it is dependent on allowable amended claim 1.

Allowable claims 5, 8 and 14 have been amended to place them in independent form.

Original dependent claims 15, 16 and 17 are believed to be allowable since they depend from allowable claim 14.

Claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 9-13 and 18-25 have been canceled.

Enclosed is a certified copy of European priority patent application No. 02021582-8.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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Amendment to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of corrected drawings include changes in Fig. 1. As required by the examiner, item 1 has been labeled "PROCESS", item 2 has been labeled "MEASUREMENT AND CONTROL UNIT" and item 3 has been labeled "CONNECTING LINES".